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Veterans on mission to honor a brother

HARLEY CLARKE left behind no kin. No one claimed his body – until the VFW, that is. He's a veteran – family – to them. They'll bury him.

STEPHEN M. KATZ | THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

By Courtney Mabeus | *The Virginian-Pilot*

NORFOLK

TODAY is Veterans Day, a day to honor the men and women who have served our nation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3160 in Ocean View is doing so this way: helping arrange a funeral service with military honors for a former sailor whom post members never met.

Post commander Doug Hoffman knows little about Harley Stephen Clarke beyond what's on his discharge paperwork.

Clarke received an honorable discharge from the Navy as a petty officer first class in 1989 after serving as a torpedoman. He received several awards, including five combat action ribbons and several others that indicate he served during the Vietnam War. He entered active duty in Oakland, Calif., but the date was not listed and it appears the service record that Hoffman received and made available to The Virginian-Pilot may be incomplete.

Hoffman, a retired Navy chief petty officer, learned about

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Post 3160 commander Doug Hoffman, above, said VFW Riders and others are planning to attend the burial.

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For more info, email VFWpost3160@gmail.com

Toll hike ahead

MIDTOWN AND DOWNTOWN TUNNEL fares will go up Jan. 1, bringing a peak hour commuter's cost to about $1,086 per year – with an E-ZPass

VIRGINIAN-PILOT FILE PHOTO

how much?

GO TO PILOTONLINE.COM to see a complete breakdown of tolls by vehicle, time and payment option.

By Katherine Hafner
The Virginian-Pilot

COMMUTERS, get ready to shell out even more cash next year.

Starting Jan. 1, tolls on the Midtown and Downtown tunnels will increase, according to a news release.

Rates will jump 14 cents during peak hours and 8 cents the rest of the time for drivers with an E-ZPass transponder, to $2.09 and $1.73, respectively.

Someone crossing the tunnels twice a day during peak hours, five times a week – with an E-ZPass – would spend about $1,086 on tolls each year, in addition to any other traveling.

Rates for registered and unregistered pay-by-plate drivers and heavy vehicles are also going up, reaching a high of $11.77 for unregistered heavy vehicles.

The increases are in line with the Elizabeth River Tunnels Project public-private partnership agreement between Elizabeth River Crossings and the Virginia Department of Transportation that began in 2012.

Customers with questions can call 757-837-0840 or email CustomerService@DriveERT.biz.

Gang made detention center chaotic, documents say

In July, detectives investigated a "gang mob assault"

By Jonathan Edwards
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

Gang members have been terrorizing the city's juvenile detention center as part of a long-running feud between rival neighborhoods, Norfolk police said.

In July, detectives investigated a "gang mob assault" at the center, Detective Tammy Mendoza said in court documents. The attackers were part of a familiar group: the Gotti Gang.

Based in "Uptown" neighborhoods like Huntersville, Young Terrace and Calvert Square, the Gotti Gang has been fighting for the better part of two years with the "Southside": Berkley, Campostella and Diggs Town.

Gotti Gang members have used juvenile detention centers as recruiting stations, Mendoza said. They target new inmates and intimidate smaller ones. When that doesn't work, they attack. If an inmate is from the Southside, or they think he's disre-

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LOUIS C.K. SAYS THE "STORIES ARE TRUE"

As his career implodes, comedian acknowledges women's pain.

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ALA. SENATE CANDIDATE DENIES CLAIMS

Roy Moore says he never knew accuser, but doesn't rule out having dated teens when he was in his 30s.

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Football: Oscar Smith notches win.

Hoops: ODU men do too.

Sports

It may be colder, but there is still plenty to do in the garden.

Home + Garden

sunny, cold

High: Mid-40s.
Low: Lower 30s.

Details on the back page of Sports

A special section honoring female veterans

IN TODAY'S PILOT

U.S. soldier in Niger ambush was bound and executed, villagers say

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Myeshia Johnson cries over the casket of her husband, Sgt. La David Johnson, who was killed in an ambush in Niger, upon his body's arrival in Miami.

Accounts may reveal why it took two days to find his body

By Sudarsan Raghavan
The Washington Post

The body of Sgt. La David Johnson, one of four U.S. soldiers killed in an ambush by Islamist militants in Niger last month, was found with his arms tied and a gaping wound at the back of his head, according to two villagers, suggesting that he may have been captured and then executed.

Adamou Boubacar, a 23-year-old farmer and trader, said some children tending cattle found the remains of the soldier Oct. 6, two days after the attack outside the remote Nigerien village of Tongo Tongo, which also left five Nigerien soldiers dead. The children notified him.

When Boubacar went to the location, a bushy area roughly a mile from the ambush site, he saw Johnson's body lying facedown, he said. The back of his head had been smashed

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